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Atty Docket No: 300-903820US

Client Ref:

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**AKIRA KOMORIYA and BEVERLY  
PACKARD**

Application No.: **09/394,019**

Filed: **09/10/1999**

For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE  
DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN  
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND METHODS  
OF USE THEREOF**

Examiner: Chih Min Kam

Art Unit: 1653

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal with the appropriate Petition for Extension of Time was filed on January 7, 2004. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- 2) A petition to extend the period of response 1 month;
- 3) Nine pages of formal drawings;
- 4) A Terminal Disclaimer;
- 5) A Sequence Listing paper copy; and
- 6) A Sequence Listing computer readable format (disk).